

Common Transitional Words and Phrases

Ways to transition between opening sentences and the thesis:

This (situation, story, case) illustrates the point that ...

This (situation, story, case) is an example of today's problem of ...

As in the above situation, I believe ...

Although some people believe _____, I think ...

In a similar way ...

In view of this ...

Today ...

Ways to transition between body paragraphs:

One of the most important reasons why ... is ...

Another point is ...

Similarly ...

Also ...

Moreover ...

Likewise ...

In addition ...

Furthermore ...

Another example of this is ...

Besides ...

In fact ...

In other words ...

Next ...

Nevertheless ...

On the other hand ...

However ...

Consequently ...

Ways to transition from body paragraphs to the conclusion:

All things considered ...

Finally ...

To sum up ...

Thus ...

As a result ...

Obviously ...

In conclusion ...

Lastly ...

It becomes clear that ...

Therefore, in summary ...

Clearly ...

From this we see ...

Listed below are words you can use to show:

Support

as an example, for example, further, furthermore, similarly, also, for instance, as shown by

Main Points

and most important, a major development, there are three reasons why, remember that, now this is important

Contrast

on the one hand/on the other hand, on the contrary, in contrast, however, yet, still, nevertheless, not withstanding, for all that, by contrast, at the same time, although, while, a different view, in spite of, despite

Addition

one, another, similarly, moreover, furthermore, in addition, too, equally important, next, finally, first, second, third, besides, likewise, in the same way

Comparison

similarly, likewise, in like manner, both, each, in the same way

Conclusion

therefore, thus, then, consequently, as a consequence, as a result, accordingly, finally, for this (these) reason(s), on that account, because of, under these conditions, since

Explanation

for example, to illustrate, by way of illustration, to be specific, specifically, in particular, thus, for instance, in other words

Concession

naturally, granted, of course, to be sure, although, despite, in spite of, notwithstanding, for all, while

Time

when, immediately, upon, since, first, earlier, meanwhile, at the same time, in the meantime, soon afterward, subsequently, later

Summation, Repetition, Intensification

to sum up, in brief, in short, in fact, indeed, in other words

